

MINUTES
HAMILTON COUNTY SOLID WASTE BOARD
September 22, 2008
12:00 noon
Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center
Commissioner's Courtroom

Present: County Councilor Jim Belden, President
County Commissioner Christine Altman
County Commissioner Steven C. Dillinger, Vice President
County Commissioner Steven A. Holt
Noblesville Mayor John Ditslear
Town of Fishers Councilor Dan Henke

Absent: Charlie White

Approval of Minutes

Ditslear motioned to approve the minutes of August 25, 2008. Dillinger seconded.
Motion carried unanimously.

Household Hazardous Waste Center

- Hazardous Waste and recycling collections are up.
- Pavement and concrete project will begin in October.

Regional Watershed MS4 Public Education

Bob Thompson and Jill Hoffman informed the Board that the Upper White River Watershed Alliance (UWRWA), after surveying the MS4's in Central Indiana, that public education would be the best way to help them comply with the unfunded federal mandate for Stormwater Phase II. Thompson requested the Solid Waste Board use the \$40,000 2008 funding appropriated for Stormwater Phase II to join the Regional Watershed MS4 group to provide public education through public service announcement, television advertising, media print, etc.

- Goal is to deliver a nationally recognized program by public participation/involvement and public education/outreach.
- UWRWA is a non-profit organization, therefore they can apply for grant funding and receive funding that municipalities are not able to obtain.
- \$322,000 of funding has been received since 2006.
- Working on large web-based project.
- Goal is to receive \$150,000 as a regional organization with the Hamilton County Solid Waste Board donating \$40,000.
- Funding contributions (base fee) have been calculated using the population base, broken into five (5) population categories.
- Base fee will be collected along with the UWRWA fees.
- \$40,000 will cover Hamilton County, Noblesville, Westfield, Arcadia, and Cicero.

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Holt asked Hoffman if there is a break-out of the fees of the Hamilton County entities so she can identify the request from the Solid Waste Board would be? Hoffman stated she believes their fees can be covered under the \$40,000. Ditslear asked if this is the membership fee for the UWRWA? Hoffman stated there are two separate fees, the UWRWA membership fee and a separate fee for the MS4 program; 100% of the funds for the MS4 program will go to the MS4 required components. Holt asked if there is a penalty for a community that would not participate other than they would have to do it themselves? Hoffman stated no but they would have to put on the program and meet the State requirements by themselves. **Holt motioned that the Solid Waste Board participate at the \$11,000 level. Altman seconded.** Thompson stated the \$40,000 was requested for all of the participating communities in the public education agreement, the \$11,000 would not cover all of the communities. Holt asked if the agreement signed by the Solid Waste District and signed with each of the municipalities means it is the Solid Waste District's responsibility to provide the public education? Thompson stated five years ago a public education MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) was signed by all of the MS4's in Hamilton County, with the exception of Fishers, to join together in this public education commitment. At that time the Solid Waste Board budgeted \$40,000 a year towards this effort for all of the communities within Hamilton County, other than Fishers. Thompson requested the \$40,000 be continued but it be directed towards the UWRWA. Holt stated the document Hoffman just distributed shows each municipality paying their own way.

Henke stated if we are acting as a conduit for those communities participation, a number of which he understands would or should have their own stormwater management fees, those fees should be showing as income to the Solid Waste Board to handle, which is not being done. If they are collecting stormwater fees, a good portion of which is supposed to go towards this type of education and outreach program, we don't access that fee and our Board does not access that fee but within the watershed those membership communities are or should be considering doing so and that should be the source of those funds rather than this Board's general fund that it receives outside of the stormwater management fees that are accessed for a specific purpose. Thompson stated many of the communities, including the county, do not have a stormwater fee or funding source. Altman stated they would be able to establish one if they chose. Every budget year the UWRWSA is not guaranteed an amount. Altman stated the concept is fine; the problem is the arbitrary allocation. Ditslear stated the total for all Hamilton County communities is \$48,000. Thompson stated Fishers is not part of this. Ditslear stated Fishers is on the list for \$10,000. Ditslear asked if the \$40,000 will take care of all communities in Hamilton County plus Hamilton County? Thompson indicated yes, other than Fishers. Thompson stated they have been directed by the Commissioners in the MOU to not include Fishers in the public education funding, although they have been an active participant in the program. Altman stated this is a countywide tax. Holt stated Fishers residents are paying the same funds into the Solid Waste District as everyone else in Hamilton County;

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whether they are participating in the MOU or not does not follow the money. Henke stated Fishers has their own wastewater management fee that they are assessing residents that is supposed to go towards this sort of thing. There is a mechanism for the collection of these fees for this purpose and if those municipalities collect fees for this purpose they are going to go to the same thing that this Board is being asked to independently access which is addition to that. If there is a stormwater fee revenue stream that is available for communities to fund these programs, that fee should be utilized rather than the general fund of this organization.

Howard stated the MOU was agreement for those units to work together and Fishers was not included because they opted out but it does not compel funding by this Board. The MOU is fine but does not mean that this Board is the sole funding mechanism.

Hoffman stated from a regional perspective all Soil & Water Districts, Solid Waste Districts and MS4's are trying to do education related to different environmental topics. They are trying to leverage funds to approach all possible partners to pool in to something that came to these communities as an un-funded mandate. Within Hamilton County the ability for the individual MS4's to raise their own funding differs across the county. These are only two of the minimum control requirements the MS4's have to meet; there are four other requirements which are capital intensive items. The monies raised from utilities have to be parsed out to fund all six minimum control measures. Altman stated we don't disagree with the regional approach the concern is with how the monies were assigned and getting everyone on board. This plan has not been parsed down to what is the most important message depending on the revenue raised. The Solid Waste tax is a countywide tax and the Board has to be cognizant of the fact that we can't exclude Fishers because they have paid.

A roll call vote was taken with a tie declared.

Ditslear – No
Belden – No
Dillinger – No
Holt – Yes
Altman – Yes
Henke – Yes

Altman recommended Hoffman prepare a report for the Board that sorts people out by county so we can tell how much of the county's population base is and total population numbers by county. Also include a triage of what would be done depending on funding levels. Henke stated he does not have a problem with the \$11,000 but would like a comprehensive assessment of where funds are being generated specifically towards

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wastewater and wastewater management, how those funds are being allocated and how they can best be pooled of all of the communities within that zone towards the goals that need to be done.

Hoffman stated they have reviewed several different funding mechanisms and basing it on population was what everyone understood and was comfortable with. Altman would like to know what Marion County, as a whole, is being asked to provide comparing it to Hamilton County and to the other entities.

Ditslear motioned to bring the motion to reconsider the \$11,000 back to the table. Dillinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Motion to fund \$11,000 was passed unanimously.

Altman requested a full budget for the year, how it was utilized and where the \$11,000 was spent be sent to the Board.

2009 Budget

Altman motioned to approve Mike Reuter's services in the amount of \$750.00 for preparation of the 2010 Budget Forms. Ditslear seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Altman motioned to approve the 2009 Budget. Dillinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Additional Appropriation

Altman motioned to approve the Additional Appropriation in the amount of \$19,398. Holt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Claim Docket

Ditslear motioned to approve the Claim Docket in the amount of \$1,356.06 for claims paid September 23, 2008. Holt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Holt motioned to adjourn. Ditslear seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Others Present

Robin M. Mills, Auditor

Michael Howard, Attorney

Kim Rauch, Administrative Assistant to Auditor

Steve Wood, Household Hazardous Waste Center Director

Robert Thompson, Surveyor's Office

Jill Hoffman, Upper White River Watershed Alliance Coordinator